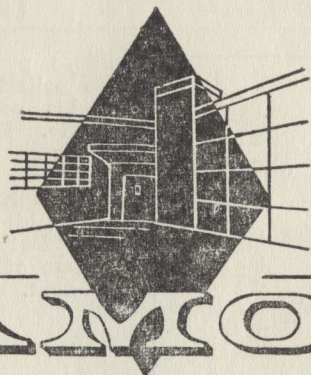


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DORDT SCHEDULES AN ENCHANTED EVENING

Reserve Friday evening, May 8, 1964. Don your best semi-formal attire, and transport yourself to the Sioux Center High School auditorium. Be sure you arrive by 6:30, and don't leave your admission ticket at home on your desk.

What's the big event? Hardworking committees of Dordt students, under the guidance of the student representatives, and supervised by Elroy Post, are creating "Some Enchanted Evening," namely, the annual spring banquet, for the entertainment of the student body and their special guests. To make the evening complete, Mr. Dennis Ribbens, of our English Department, will speak.

There are three main committees working on the plans. The program committee is composed of four students: Roger Slater, Linda Vander Veen, Larry Van Essen, and Roger Van Dyken. The decorating committee includes Kathy Schaver, Mavis Assink, George Vande Voort and Davis Tebben. They will need many student volunteers to help them set things up on Friday afternoon. The food committee, Paul Vos, Judy Schut and Betty Hengeveld, will plan the menu, arrange for its preparation, and locate waiters for the evening.

A notice will be posted soon giving instructions on purchasing tickets. Dordt students may obtain their's free, and guest tickets will cost \$1.75.

CHOIR COMPLETES SPRING CONCERT TOUR

Dordt's 36 voice Concert Choir left the campus on April 6, and returned on April 14. In the meantime it had sung seven concerts under the direction of Mr. Grotenhuis and the frequent smiles of Mrs. Grotenhuis. An enthusiastic reception and an appreciative audience characterized each tour stop.

The itinerary this year included Volga, South Dakota, and a spirited initial tour concert; Oskaloosa, Iowa, and an assembly program presented for the students of Pella Christian High on the following morning; Kanawha, Iowa, and an early next morning departure; Dispatch, Kansas, and a look at the heart of the wheat country; Alamosa, Colorado, and the magnificence of the snow-capped Rocky Mountains, the Sand Dunes, the Royal Gorge which is "gorgeous," the Red Rock Amphitheater, Pikes Peak, et cetera; and Denver, Colorado, which climaxed the concert tour with the warm Christian fellowship of the Denver congregation, and the heart-stirring rendition of two sacred concerts by the choir on that Sunday, April 12. For each choir member, the concerts afforded a rich and deep-seated spiritual experience, which

actually was beyond human expression. They hope that sharing these experiences with the churches they visited helped fulfill Dordt's aim: *Soli Deo Gloria*.



And Away We Go

DORDT MUSIC

FESTIVAL PLANNED

The Dordt Music Festival will be held on May 1 in the Sioux Center Public Auditorium. Four area High School Choirs will participate as well as the two Dordt Choirs. Mr. Dale Grotenhuis will direct the Massed Choirs in two numbers.

Bands will play en masse and will be directed by various high school directors and Mr. Grotenhuis.

Several Dordt College students will serve as ushers, riser committee and ticket sellers and takers.

A small fee will be charged for admission.

Political Science

Club Begins Activities

The Political Science Club was formed at Dordt one week before spring vacation. The Club is composed of 27 charter members, concerned with partially fulfilling the responsibilities of good citizenship by stimulating political interest among the students at Dordt College.

Instructors, Mr. Van Til and Mr. Van Dyke, are co-sponsors of this new club. At the organizational meeting Paul Vos, Roger Van Dyken, and John Altena were elected as executives.

At the second meeting, held on the first Wednesday after Spring vacation, Mr. Van Til gave a short survey of political science, from Plato to the present day. A discussion followed.

As its first activity, the club participated in a mock nominations convention held in Northwestern College in Orange City Tuesday, April 21. Senator Miller was the keynote speaker.

Band Finishes First

Annual Tour

The Dordt band set a fine precedent for future band tours in its first annual tour. The trip began before Spring vacation so that band members were dismissed from classes.

The band played for receptive audiences in Ackley, Iowa, and in Wau-pun and Baldwin, Wisconsin. Most people appreciated the fact that the repertoire included music simple enough to be enjoyed by all.

The bus made a stop at one of Wisconsin's Cheese Houses. Famous Wisconsin cheese with crackers made a good on-the-bus snack.

Immediately after its concert in Baldwin, the band returned to Sioux Center. The trip was uneventful except that the generator of the bus failed, and passengers and luggage had to be transferred to another bus.

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whose purpose is to demonstrate to the politician the psychological effect of his political experiments on the people. Primaries are an instrument of the people, not a tool of politicians, and those politicians who fail to realize this have a misconception of the higher ideals of American politics and have lost their proper place in the scheme of the American form of government.

Roger Van Dyken

Wednesday, April 15

Carroll College

Waukesha, Wisconsin

Dear Editor,

I am an observer of Dordt only through the DIAMOND which is an excellent profile of the school. It portrays the student as one with a sincere interest in all aspects of college life. Intramural activities and drama productions seem to be well supported and honestly reviewed.

As a student of a church affiliated liberal arts school, only three times the size of Dordt, I would like to tell you how fortunate you are to be a part of a seemingly large, happy family. Here no interest is taken in sports nor drama. Student government is at a low. And most important, student spirit is absent. No letters to editors appear in the paper because no one is interested or takes the time to concern himself.

You, collectively, seem to have found something in Dordt which is priceless, so don't lose it. But don't overemphasize concern by criticizing everything. Keep your sense of balance, and praise the worthy events if you feel it necessary.

Just as a closing remark, ALL college food is bad!

Sincerely,

Miss Judy Behnke

Dear Editor,

You must give of yourself in order to receive. That, in my mind, is an honorable statement.

In the last two presentations of the Thaliens, the crews, casts and directors gave much in time, effort and personal talents. They gave and received from each other the plays, the college, and the audience. But here is where the similarity ends. In my opinion the audience did not give back. Yes, they responded to the lines, applauded the casts and crews, and complimented the directors, but there was something lacking.

I, as a member of the cast expected in return a DIAMOND article, which would have evaluated the individual performances, the plays as works of dramatic art, and things that could have been improved on the next production. I hardly imagine that there was no room for improvement.

Perhaps there is no one on the DIAMOND staff who feels himself qualified. I do not think that this is the case. Or, are we, the Thaliens, at fault? Should we have arranged for someone to write the critiques?

There were several articles preceding the plays; could not just one ar-

Editorial

Our guest editor is a sophomore, hailing from our college town, Sioux Center. He is the son of our President, and boards just north of the new dormitory.

"GOD'S WORLD"

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 8:22

"Such beautiful weather! We should do something exciting tonight, how about Sioux Falls or Hudson, maybe a show, I do not feel like studying anyway."

Does this statement depict your spring spirit or rather does the following one?

"Spring! What a wonderful day! God is so good to us. How great is man that he should deserve this?"

One day last week when the temperature rose to 90, and everyone was thoroughly enjoying himself, a person with whom I was talking asked me, "How can those kids be so filled with the satisfaction of themselves that they fail to give God any glory? Do you suppose they ever think of facing death the next day—week—or year?"

At first I was taken aghast with this, but when I gave it more thought, I was inclined to agree with him. I, too, saw everyone walking around as if on a pedestal, complaining and smitting down whomever and whatever they pleased, all without so much as one thought directed toward our Lord and King.

Elson Haan

Letters to the Editor

In reply to letter to editor,
March 31, 1964:

A question has been raised requesting me to state what I believe to be "the specific purpose of primary elections, and why I condemn politicians for abusing that purpose." (Letter to editor, March 31, 1964)

It is unfortunate that this letter could not have been answered at an earlier date but I shall seek to give a satisfactory reply.

The point my article was trying to convey was that primary elections do have their purpose, but it is not that which many of our politicians envision it to be. Primaries are an instrument of the people whereby they designate their presidential preferences and in this way their purpose is the same as that of the general elections. Although the primaries reflect the sentiments of the people and many politicians examine these sentiments, nevertheless their purpose does not lie in this. Primaries are not a political apparatus

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ticle have followed these major events of the Thaliens?

Wendell Noteboom

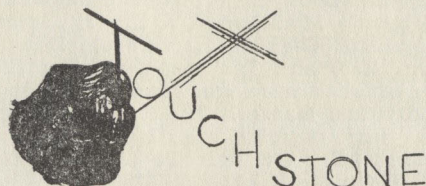
REPLY—

Dear Wendell,
and Thaliens in general:

I personally feel you are not asking more than you deserved. The DIAMOND Staff, and also the student body as a whole, has definitely shown itself unresponsive to your efforts.

We stand justly reprimanded.

The Editor



by Fred Ypma

Book: THE COLLECTOR

Author: John Fowles

Publisher: Little, Brown & Co.—1963

Pages: 305

John Fowles writes a very interesting novel about Frederick Cleff, an obscure clerk and butterfly collector. He is a nobody until he collects his best specimen, Miranda Grey, a lovely young London coed. Winning a football pool enables him to purchase a secluded country house in which to imprison Miranda. By means of an ingenious diabolical scheme, he keeps her locked up for two months; his only purpose is to watch and photograph her body. After two months of solitude in her damp cell, Miranda succumbs to pneumonia. Frederick then calmly buries her under the apple tree and is already in search of a second victim as the book closes.

The development of Fowles' two characters is magnificent as he probes the warped mind of Clegg, the collector; and he has a tremendous insight into the thoughts of Miranda, through her diary, as she dreams of eventual escape. Frederick Clegg represents all that is lifeless; he kills beauty and then views it with a pervert's sense of satisfaction. Miranda on the other hand, is symbolic of all that is alive and free; her mind has the exuberant imagination of a young, budding artist, and all she craves is freedom of body and soul.

Viewing this work from a literary aspect, one may conclude that this book is written in a typical twentieth century style, with short declarative sentences. This does not detract from the book because it coincides with the mentality of a misfitted, simple pervert like Clegg.

The author divides his book into four parts, with no chapter divisions. In this respect, Fowles falls short. The story is first told through Clegg; then the entire narrative is repeated by the prisoner, Miranda. Because of this repetition, the reader tends to lose interest in the second narration.

Credit Card Craze Captures College

Cash purchases of snacks are being made obsolete by a new breed of currency at Dordt. The new breed is the personalized luncheon ticket. It is a small rectangular card with numbers bordering the edges. The notes are non-transferrable so they cannot be hoarded or used as collateral security.

With the advent of the new cards, a paragon of convenience has been reached at Dordt; now no one must be bothered with such an unwieldy and inconvenient substance as money. One will merely select the item he wishes to purchase and whip out his necessarily present luncheon ticket. The cashier will cross out the squares representing the amount of the purchase.

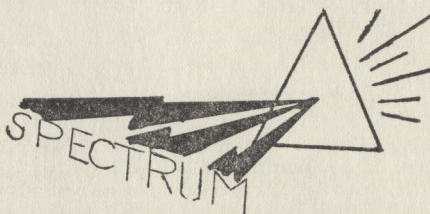
Another convenient feature of the system is that it eliminates the necessity of making change. E.g. if the purchase costs a nickel and all of the 5 blocks have been crossed out,

it causes no problem; the cashier has the choice of either crossing out 1/2 of a 10 block, or 1/3 of a 15 block or 1/4 of a 20 block. Convenient isn't it? But, how is 1/2 or 1/4 of a block determined?

The new system will also discourage theft, since no advantage is to be gained by hoarding the non-transferable cards.

If a clever evasion of unwritten "blue laws" was needed, the new system provides it. It is about as clever as making a Sunday gas purchase on credit rather than with cash.

If you are holding some of that primitive stuff called money and are about to panic and convert it into luncheon tickets or do something more drastic, don't. There is still a school of thought that believes that Federal Reserve Notes, Silver Certificates and specie will remain legal tender at Dordt.



by Roger L. Van Dyken

The wind died and the nation's rippling red, white, and blue hung itself at half-mast in mourning its most gallant defender. This five star general, a man of exceptional military genius and indomitable character, had died. But this model American, who embodied America's highest ideals, went to his grave bearing the colors of that flag to which he had dedicated his life. His was the red badge of courage, the unstained purity of the great American, and the unswerving loyalty which was bounded only by the bluest heights of the heavens. He lived and died in controversy, yet no one questioned his greatness. And great he was; and yet more than a great man, he was a great American. His life, his loyalty, his ideals, his courage and devotion to his country epitomize what every American seeks to be: a great American in serving America. His service to America is immeasurable. He did more for our nation than

any elected leader of our times. And yet this man, who symbolized an eternal spirit, was mortal. And he was the first to realize this:

"The shadows are lengthening for me. The twilight is here. My days of old have vanished—tone and tints. They have gone glimmering through the dream of things that were. Their memory is one of wondrous beauty, watered by tears and coaxed and caressed by the smiles of yesterday. I listen then but with thirsty ear, for the witching melody of faint bugles blowing reveille, of far drums beating the long roll.

"In my dreams I hear again the crash of guns, the rattle of musketry, the strange mournful mutter of the battlefield. But . . . always their echoes and re-echoes: Duty, honor, and country."

And the man, the American, General Douglas MacArthur, died. The old soldier is dead, but his memory, his ideals, and the great American spirit which found its embodiment in this man, we hope, shall never fade away.

MORTAL SUBSTANCE

I saw it die,
moribund from It's conception.
A natural death, though,
Five convulsions it registered,
not an inevitable.
Apathetically, the life spark
slowly
crawled from the frame.

Athletes' Feats

by Dale Claerbaut

The sports' eye around the campus presently has switched to baseball, gymnastics, and spring intramurals.

In baseball, the newly formed team, coached by Dr. Rozeboom, has gotten off to a good start by edging Western Christian High School 3-2. Western picked up two unearned runs in the first inning on three infield singles and one error. Dordt tied the score in the fourth inning. De Vries walked and was tripled home by pinch-hitter Rod De Boer. De Boer scored on a balk. In the sixth inning, with the score still knotted up at two runs apiece, Dordt picked up the winning run. Ver Meer singled, Krommendyk walked, and Miedema singled, in what proved to be the deciding run. Krommendyk pitched the first three innings, Miedema, who was credited with the victory, the last three. It must be conceded that Western showed good strength and is a well-coached squad.

Dr. Rozeboom, commenting on the team, said that several positions seemed to be well-manned, including pitching, catching, and first base, and that there are promising candidates for the other positions. Hitting seems to be the weakest area of the team, but should improve with more practice. Games coming up are May 1 and May 5.

The home games will be played on the town diamond.

The members of the baseball team and a position which they play (although there is a good deal of switching positions) is as follows: Pitchers—Miedema, Krommendyk; Catchers—Ken Faber, De Vries; First base—Ver Meer, Prins; Second Base—Meyer, Kok; Shortstop—Dyk; Third Base—Vander Ark, Redeker; Outfielders—Streelman, Vander Maten, Bob Faber, Rod De Boer, and Gerald Haverhals. GYMNASTICS

The newly formed gymnastics team, under the direction of Mr. Frank Calsbeek, has practiced for over a month. It is preparing an interesting program to be presented to the public on the evening of April 29, this Wednesday. Exhibitions in Trampoline, tumbling, rope climbing, and work with the trapezette and Swedish box will also be featured. The ten-men team is composed of John Altena, Sherwood Bouma, Robert Bovenkamp, Delano De Vries, Elson Haan, Stan Heeringa, Bill Ludwig, Ken Post, Don Rubingh and Shelly Stremmer. It should be an enjoyable hour and a half of entertainment.

Spring Intramurals Are Planned

The spring intramurals have been planned and will get under way shortly. Competition and recreation in badminton, softball, hiking, tug of war, and archery is proposed. A ladder tournament for both singles and doubles matches has been set up in badminton. The details of this tournament, as well as the other sports, have been published and distributed to the students. A noteworthy item is the hike planned for Saturday, May 2. One group will start out from Canton, S. D. and head toward Fairview, S. D. Another group will start at Fairview and go to Canton. They should meet around noon at the halfway point, Newton Hills State Park, for dinner.

In the I.M. Basketball tournament, Krommendyk's team defeated Fey's team for the championship and Groot-huis' team beat Bovenkamp's for the consolation. In the league play-off, Groot-huis' team toppled Fey's for the wrap-up of an interesting season.

Intramural bowling has been completed. The top four boys' teams

and their combined scores are (1) Gene De Lange, Elson Haan, Gary Regnerus, and Ken Vande Griend, 8057; (2) Delano De Vries, Don Petersen, Ray Statema, and Jim Streelman, 6706; (3) Dave Bloemendaal, Ed De Jong, Vern Haagsma, and Aldon Kuiper, 6495; (4) Jerry Korn, Bob Miedema, Paul Moos, and Dave Vander Plaats, 6224.

The top three girls teams and their scores are (1) Grace Brouwer, Kathy Buteyn, Judy Theune, and Judy Van Der Veen, 5953; (2) Marilyn Addink, Joanne Brouwer, Harriet Hoogwerf, Gertrude Modderman, 5143; (3) Janice Bosman, Glenda Harthoorn, Donna Van Zee, and Frances Wagter, 5127.

Statistics were also kept concerning individual leaders. The five men with the highest total are (1) Gary Regnerus, 2157; (2) Gene De Lange, 2023; (3) Elson Haan 2020; (4) Kenneth Vande Griend, 1857; (5) Don Petersen, 1854. The individual women's leaders are the following: (1) Judy Theune, 1759; (2) Harriet Hoogwerf, 1516; (3) Glenda Harthoorn, 1481; (4) Cynthia Meyers, 1421; (5) Grace Brouwer, 1418.

Faculty Jaunt

Are Americans flabby and soft? Is their endurance below normal? Is ours a generation of weaklings?

To prove that they are physically fit Americans, three faculty members and their wives spent a day of spring vacation hiking in the Gitchie Manitou and Klondike areas. The group included Mr. and Mrs. Calsbeek, Rev. and Mrs. Van Schouwen, and Mr. and Mrs. Veltkamp.

Leaving Sioux Center at mid-morning, the hikers tramped to Gitchie Manitou, located on the South Dakota border. Of special interest in this area are the rock formations and the only redstone deposits in Iowa. Following the Sioux River, the group observed Indian mounds as well as the site of Iowa's first post office. They also took special notice of the birds and other wildlife in the area.

The Klondike area about eight miles south of Gitchie Manitou was the site of the second phase of the excursion. The dam and water wheels of an old gristmill, which closed in 1918, intrigued the group. Another feature in that area was an old blacksmith shop still in operation.

The members of the party agreed that the outing not only gave them an opportunity to observe birds, trees, and the terrain, but it also provided variation from the normal routine.

We've Got It—You Name It

It is difficult for a reporter to write a story about something which doesn't have a name. To speak about "that place" or "thing-a-ma-jig" or "you know what I mean" is to violate good journalistic practices. The subject of this article is a place. Since this reporter didn't have time to go to the Sioux County Court House to find the exact location of this certain piece of property, he will have to describe it in terms which will be familiar to most Dordt students.

It concerns an "Island" on the "Dordt Boulevard" which lies east of the music building and southwest of the new commons. Two things concern this place—first, it needs a name and the administration is asking for student suggestions.

Second, work is soon to start on landscaping this "island." A large elevated pool will be constructed in the middle of the "island." Goldfish and water lilies will be deposited in the water.

A hedge will surround the island and inside will be flower beds and sod will be laid. Benches will be put around the pool. Work on the project is scheduled to start immediately.

A box has been placed in the Library into which students may place suggested names for this "thing-a-ma-jig."

The Price You Have To Pay

"We are in Iowa now, and we have to go long distances to find culture... Wear tennis shoes. . . ."

Four culturally-inclined Dordt coeds proved their determination to reach

culture one recent afternoon. Lacking motor transportation to Orange City for an organ recital, the foursome donned tennis shoes and started their ten-mile hike.

After two hours and seven miles, a considerate motorist offered them a ride. The results—tired feet, sunburned faces, and an enjoyable concert.